



6<sup>th</sup> Youth Peace  
Ambassador  
International  
Action Plan

# Healthcare & Peace Education 2.0

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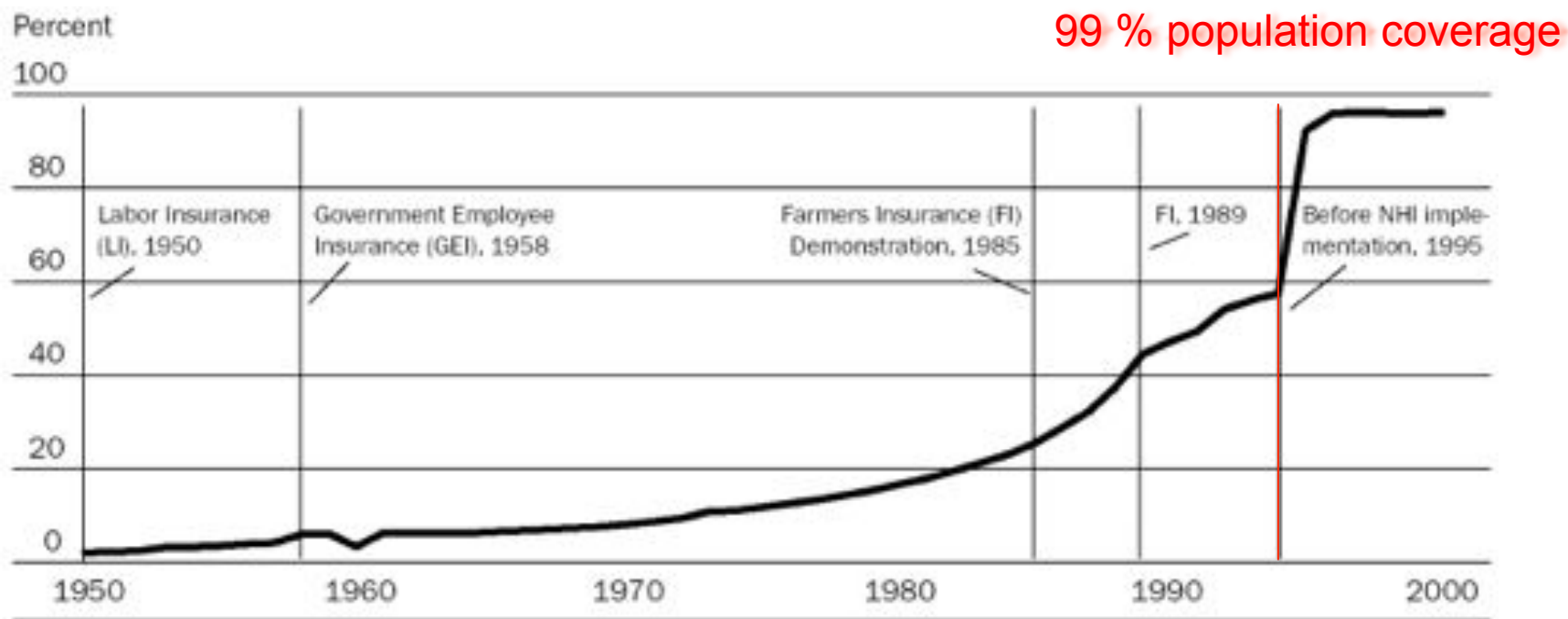
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# Background

- Taiwan has one of the best healthcare systems in the world (2<sup>nd</sup> as ranked by *The Economist World Report 2001*), through which 99.9% of the population is insured under the National Health Insurance (NHI) for affordable and accessible healthcare.
- NHI is a government-run, single-payer national health insurance scheme, financed through a mix of premiums and taxes, which pays for a mixed public and private delivery system.

# Health Insurance Coverage Expansion In Taiwan, Insured People As Percentage Of Population, 1950–2000.



**SOURCES:** For 1950–1994, J.R. Lu and C.R. Hsieh, “The National Health Insurance Program in Taiwan,” in *Health Economics* (Taipei: Pro-Ed Publishing Company, August 2000), chap. 14, 401; for data after 1995, Taiwan Bureau of National Health Insurance.

**NOTE:** Taiwan’s National Health Insurance (NHI) was implemented in 1995.

# Problem Statement

- Taiwan's NHI healthcare expenditure stands at approximately 6.6% of the total GDP, one of the lowest among developed economies despite high quality healthcare services.
- In the long-term, however, this is still a high amount which is a heavy burden on the overall healthcare resources in Taiwan. Due to the inexpensive medical fee, the larger public tends to misuse medical services.
- Resource availability is stretched to the brink of collapse and wastage of medical resources is largely observed. For instance, over-prescription of drug is a pressing issue in Taiwan. Unfortunately, public awareness regarding these issues is still inadequate.

# Problem Statement

- The enormous demands within healthcare have given birth to overworked and exhausted medical professionals. The public blames the doctor for unavoidable flaws in healthcare, the long wait associated with receiving care and the risks which come along with clinical treatment.
- Legal lawsuits were largely targeted towards doctors. This has led many doctors to leave the field of surgery, gynecology, emergency or specialties associated with high risk. This *subtle boycotting* by doctors threatens healthcare services in the public realm.
- In short, there is misunderstanding on both sides which undermines the doctor-patient relationship fundamental for a well-functioning healthcare system.

# Healthcare groups warn on safety of medical staff

By Jake Chung / Staff Reporter, with CNA

Source: Taipei Times, April 28, 2011



There are serious loopholes in measures adopted by hospitals to address violence, the Taiwan Healthcare Reform Foundation and the Taiwan Society of



Source: Top1health.com, May 8, 2013

# Objectives



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- To facilitate communication between the medical society and the general public for promotion of mutual understanding
- To train young medical students in emphatic awareness regarding the needs of the public
- To work with the public towards a common desired healthcare system
- To promote a new approach to looking at and learning about healthcare from both sides
- To build a sustainable education platform for conflict resolution between the public and medical professionals



# Public Symposium: *When Health Talks*

- Since it is a new and often ignored issue, we would need an innovative approach :
  - ❑ Interactive Response System, IRS – an on-site electronic system to record opinions and consensus from the audience.
  - ❑ A highly-interactive program for everyone to join in. Publicity of the event is done through a wide media network (Social media, mass media, academic conferences and advertisement).
  - ❑ An event for collective discussion and education from both sides. Public events of this kind are rare and are usually represented by one body. To promote participation, registration fee is waived and the turn-out is estimated to be at 70.

Graphic Source: <https://off21stcenturyclassroom.wikispaces.com/Interactive+Response+Systems>



# Contents of Event



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- Case discussion using the IRS technology
- Reflection session on the perception of current healthcare
- Art performances in relation to clinical care (Drama, classical music, etc.)
- Talks on healthcare and the public welfare
- Idea exchange

# Timeline



# Evaluation

- Feedback analysis from the volunteers, participants and organizers
- After completion of plan
- Public awareness regarding healthcare issues
- Availability of future collaboration opportunities with public bodies



# Follow-up

- Stakeholder meeting to discuss plans for long-term sustainability
- Review of feedbacks and evaluative outcome to improve on future programs
- Promotion of event results to inspire similar movements
- Training of structured organizing committee for transforming the action plan into a sustainable one



# Estimated Budget

Promotion

USD 250

- Posters, flyers, press advertisement, etc.

Administrative Purposes

USD 400

- Speaker fee, venues, food and beverages etc.

Miscellaneous

USD 150

- Emergency situation, staff incentives, etc.

# Partnerships / Funding Source

## Affiliated Bodies:

- Taipei Medical University
- TMU Medical Humanities Research Society
- Youth Peace Ambassadors International
- Federation of Medical Students' Association, Taiwan (FMS-Taiwan)
- Association of Medical Students, Asia (Taiwan)



## Probable Partnerships:

- Taiwan Bioethics Committee
- Mass Media (Press Release, Radio, Internet Platforms)
- University Students' Association

# Challenges



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- Lukewarm public response
- Accurate assessment of effect is difficult
- Time constraints
- Uncertain reaction to the discourse model in this program



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